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25X1A SHORTAGE OF RAILROAD CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL (10 pp; English, German; [redacted])

The first page of the document is [redacted] typewritten English-language summary of the remainder of the document.

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The remaining nine pages are photostat copies of typewritten correspondence as follows:

Pages 2 and 3 are a letter, dated 7 September 1951, from the Construction Department of the Reichsbahn Directorate Berlin to several corresponding subordinate departments. The Directorate includes a copy of a letter received from the Construction Department of the Directorate General of the Reichsbahn, dated 24 August 1951, to the effect that delivery of cross ties will temporarily be halted because track and tie renewal work was behind schedule and because a shortage of screw spikes existed. The Berlin Directorate adds an exhortation for fullest utilization of reclaimed fastenings.

Pages 4 and 5 are letters, dated 20 August and 12 September 1951, between various construction departments concerned, dealing with a shortage of rails and ties at the track expansion project at Jueterbog.

Pages 6 through 10 contain a report of a construction conference at the construction project at Seddin on 24 August 1951. The report was forwarded by the Reichsbahn Division Berlin 4 to the Reichsbahn Directorate Berlin on 31 August, and from there to the Directorate General on 12 September 1951. The report and the accompanying letters stress the critical shortage of cross ties which endangers the completion of the project. The report further mentions difficulties encountered with concrete cross ties, with the delivery of firebrick for the furnaces of a section gang building, and with the contracting construction firm which makes no effort to keep within promised deadlines.

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